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COAST GUARD PRESENTS PUBLIC SERVICE COMMENDATION TO LOCAL INNOVATORS

PORTSMOUTH, R.I. –The U.S. Coast Guard honored Warren, Rhode Island Harbormaster Moses Calouro and his brother Moses Calouro for their outstanding service to the Coast Guard during a harbormasters meeting today.

Captain Judy Keene, Commanding Officer of Coast Guard Group Woods Hole presented the Coast Guard's Public Service Commendation to Matthew and Moses Calouro, honoring their efforts to significantly improve the process for managing private aids to navigation within the Bristol, Rhode Island area. The Calouro brothers created an on-line process for private aid management that could be hosted on the Rhode Island Harbormasters Association website. During the process of converting from a paper to electronic system, they completely reengineered private aid application and validation procedures, streamlining them from a process which formerly took from three to four weeks, to one that can be accomplished in as little as two days. Under the new system, an individual, marina, or yacht club can electronically submit a private aid to navigation application, while simultaneously allowing the town or harbormaster the opportunity to provide comments prior to forwarding the information directly to the Coast Guard. This allows the town or state the opportunity to regulate private aids to navigation in their maritime jurisdiction, and provides system users the ability to update aid information a changes occur.

Through their innovative use of technology, Matthew and Moses Calouro have afforded the Coast Guard and the boating public a significantly improved system that saves work hours, decreases paperwork, enables 24 hour, 7 day's a week user and administrator accessibility, and provides a more accurate reflection of the total number of existing private aids within the Bristol, RI area.

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